



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Luther Vaughan Elementary School
CHEROKEE
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 356
Principal: Nan Ruppe
Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore
Board Chair: Mike Ellis

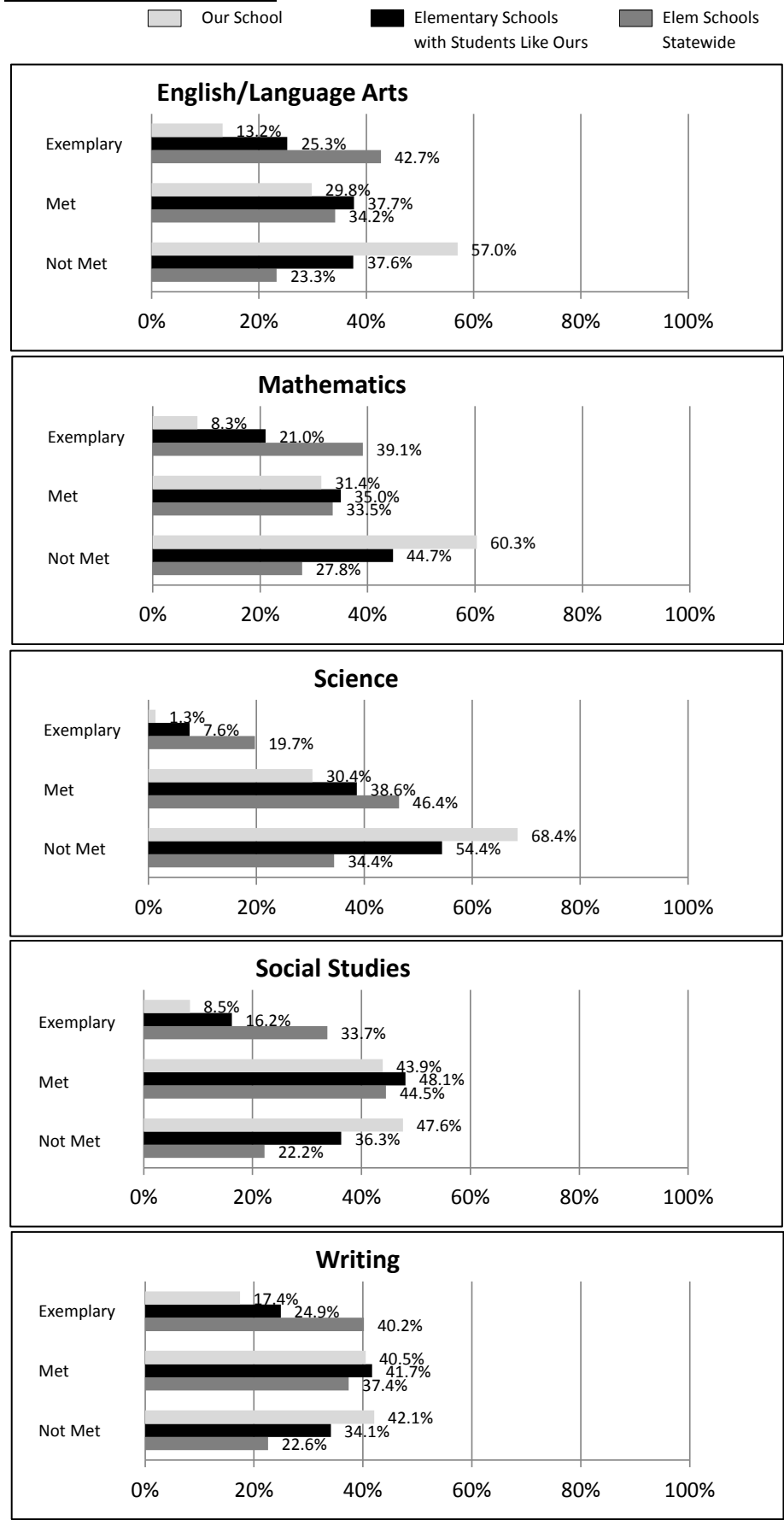
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.					
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	At-Risk	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A	
2013	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	F	Priority	
2012	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	F	Priority	

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	4	67	43	15

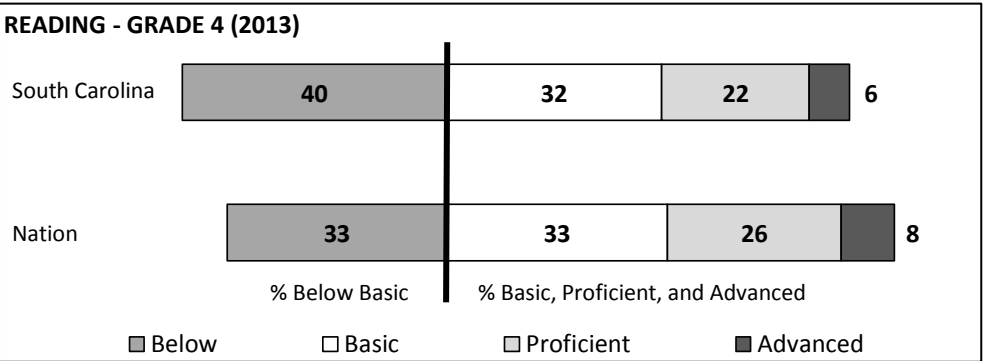
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 356)				
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.7%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.9%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	3.7%	No change	2.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.1%	Down from 17.1%	14.2%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Down from 0.9%	2.9%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.6%	Down from 71.4%	60.6%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	75.9%	Down from 78.6%	73.1%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Down from 92.5%	83.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Up from 93.3%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,575	Down 5.1%	\$45,633	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Down from 10.4 days	9.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.5	Up from 3.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 16.8 to 1	18.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Down from 88.2%	90.4%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,774	Up 10.1%	\$8,672	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.4%	Down from 70.0%	64.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.5%	Up from 67.0%	63.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	43.1	Up from 20.6	67.8	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	14	37	24
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.9%	91.9%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.7%	89.2%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.4%	97.3%	80.0%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Luther Vaughan enjoyed a tremendously successful year in 2013-2014. Our year began as one of reflection and ended with lessons in character from a little friend named Humphrey!

Accreditation with AdvancEd called for internal review of all programs leading into the writing of a new 5-year plan for the school. The plan begins with a new mission statement establishing a clear vision for all stakeholders. Our mission, in partnership with family and community, is to ensure that all students have opportunity to become responsible, productive citizens in 21st century society by providing a variety of learning experiences addressing diverse needs of every student.

Luther Vaughan celebrated an average score on the growth rating of the SC Report Card in 2013. For the last three years, the school’s rating improved from At Risk to Below Average to Average indicating students’ scores are improving on the state’s accountability test. We are very proud of our improved status.

With literacy as our focus in 2013-2014, Luther Vaughan reached out to our families and community through two creative programs. Our school family participated in a Walk to School morning in the fall of the year and One School One Book in the spring. The walk to school October morning culminated in the classrooms with parents and students receiving a mini lesson by classroom teachers on an at home reading program. The One School One Book in April had everyone talking about a wise hamster named Humphrey from The World According to Humphrey. Families enjoyed the book at home while teachers used it as a vehicle to creative and motivating lessons in the classrooms. Our month-long book club highlighted narrative elements such as character development and theme at a family literacy night in late April. Humphrey still had students talking and posing questions as we closed our school year in early June.

Join us in celebration for Mr. Rick Fernandez, our teacher of the year; and, Mrs. Shannon Mueller, RN, our support staff of the year. Both are extraordinary role models, and they will lead our way as strong examples for us to follow in the coming year.

Hermia Wood, SIC Chair

Nan Ruppe, Principal